



The Oklahoma Educational Memorial Trust Foundation Honors . . .

Ruth Spann



The Ruth Doughty Spann Memorial Scholarship was established in memory of the long time educator in Tulsa Public Schools. Dr. and Mrs. Spann originally established the Oklahoma Educational Foundation Scholarship Fund in memory of their son, Craig, who was a graduate of the University of Oklahoma.

Born to prominent Oklahoma pioneers in Jackson County, OK in 1912, she was one of eight children born to Robert and Janie Doughty. She and her husband Rubert were leading educators in the Tulsa Public School System and both winners of the Valley Forge Award, the distinguished Educators Award. The Spanns helped establish the School of Continuing Education at Boston Avenue United Methodist Church where they were longtime members. She was a member of the Wesley Fellowship Class, Kappa Kappa Iota, Delta Kappa Gamma, Jefferson Hills Garden Club and PEO. After making her home at Methodist Manor for many years, she became very interested in the health program and is the major donor to the construction of the new Rubert & Ruth Spann Wellness Center built there.

Ruth was a wonderful loving person and she will be missed by many.

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